

## Article - Criminal Law

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§9–201.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “Political subdivision” includes a:
  - (i) county;
  - (ii) municipal corporation;
  - (iii) bi–county or multicounty agency;
  - (iv) county board of education;
  - (v) public authority; or
  - (vi) special taxing district that is not a homeowner’s association.
- (3) (i) “Public employee” means an officer or employee of:
  - 1. the State; or
  - 2. a political subdivision of the State.
- (ii) “Public employee” includes:
  - 1. an executive officer of the State;
  - 2. a judge of the State;
  - 3. a judicial officer of the State;
  - 4. a member or officer of the General Assembly;
  - 5. a member of the police force of Baltimore City or the Department of State Police; and
  - 6. a member, officer, or executive officer of a political subdivision.

(b) A person may not bribe or attempt to bribe a public employee to influence the public employee in the performance of an official duty of the public employee.

(c) A public employee may not demand or receive a bribe, fee, reward, or testimonial to:

(1) influence the performance of the official duties of the public employee; or

(2) neglect or fail to perform the official duties of the public employee.

(d) A person who violates this section is guilty of the misdemeanor of bribery and on conviction:

(1) is subject to imprisonment for not less than 2 years and not exceeding 12 years or a fine not less than \$1,000 and not exceeding \$10,000 or both;

(2) may not vote; and

(3) may not hold an office of trust or profit in the State.

(e) A person who violates this section is subject to § 5–106(b) of the Courts Article.

(f) (1) A person who violates this section:

(i) is a competent witness; and

(ii) subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, may be compelled to testify against any person who may have violated this section.

(2) A person compelled to testify for the State under paragraph (1) of this subsection is immune from prosecution for a crime about which the person was compelled to testify.

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